

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Insert the following new first paragraph on page 1 of the specification before the words "Field of the Invention."

Related Application

This invention is a divisional of copending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,035,104, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS BY ALERTING A SUBSCRIBER AT A DESTINATION OTHER THAN THE PRIMARY DESTINATION, filed June 28, 1996, and issued March 7, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2 at line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

In a preferred embodiment, a system for receiving and forwarding e-mail messages for a subscriber is provided. The system comprises a server connected to a network; and a Mail Alert code set resident and operable on the server. The MailAlert code set is adapted to compare characteristics of e-mail messages received for the subscriber to specific message characteristics provided by the subscriber and pre-stored on the server, to send a message to the subscriber when a characteristic match is found, and to execute following instructions from the subscriber for forwarding of the message received for which a match was found. In one embodiment the he message sent to the subscriber on finding a characteristic match is sent to a pager carried by the subscriber.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6 at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows how a typical topology might look in a preferred embodiment of the present invention. A mail sender can be sending e-mail from workstation or PC 210, via Internet connection 220 to Internet Service Provider (ISP) 202. Although in this example the connection is through the well-known Internet, practice of the present invention is not limited to use with the Internet. The MailAlert system of the invention may be practiced wherever e-mail is used,

regardless of the nature of the Network. The Internet is exemplary. The mail is then forwarded via link 221 to "backbone" 201, and on to MailAlert ISP 203 via connection 222 to the backbone. Inside MailAlert ISP the mail is received by Server 215 via connection 223 from the subnet 203. The MailAlert software then forwards a copy to the subscriber (~~If we call the same person both subscriber and customer, confusion is sure to result.~~ on workstation 212, via connection 227, the subscriber's ISP 204, connection 226, backbone 201, connection 222, MailAlert ISP 203 and connection 223. At the same time, if a match between criteria and message characteristics is found, the system alerts via telephone and paging network 232 the subscriber's pager 217. The subscriber then can call in and have the message forwarded to fax 216 via telephone network connection 231, or he can have it forwarded to an alternate mail address, which in this example is represented by pocket organizer 211, which has a wireless link to ISP 204. That (~~what is "that"~~) then connects in normal manner from server 215.